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## Senate

The Senate met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The prayer will be offered today by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Daniel P. Coughlin, the Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

In the main reading room of the Library of Congress there are eight large statues standing aloft giant marble columns. The statues represent eight categories of knowledge symbolic of civilized life and thought. Above the figure of Religion there are these words of Micah: "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Lord God, as the Senate of these United States gathers today for its deliberations so we pray for each and every Senator. As lawmakers elected by the people of this great land, may their motive be solely justice. As leaders of this Nation who know many people and have deep and abiding relationships, as well as friendships, may they always love mercy when it comes to dealing with other humans so like themselves. But above all, Lord, may these women and men called to greatness know themselves so thoroughly that they will always walk humbly with You, now and forever. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BLANCHE L. LINCOLN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, March 4, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. LINCOLN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, the Chair will shortly announce we will be in a period of morning business until 6 p.m. tonight, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. It is my understanding the Senator from Arizona wishes to speak for 30 minutes, which is certainly appropriate.

At 6 p.m. the Senate will resume consideration of the election reform bill with 15 minutes of debate prior to the 6:15 rollcall vote on cloture on the bill. Senators are reminded they have until 5:15 p.m. today to file second-degree amendments to the election reform bill.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 6 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time to be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. KYL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 30 minutes in morning business.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COSTS OF NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

Mr. KYL. Madam President, on January 28, I addressed the reasons why I believe the President is correct to move this nation forward in the deployment of a national missile defense. I pointed out then that the threat is too great not to proceed when the technical means are at hand.

Today, I wish to address the issue of the costs of defending America against the threat of ballistic missile attack. At the end of January, the Congressional Budget Office released yet another of its reports purporting to show the costs to the American taxpayer of a system to defend the United States against such an attack. Opponents of missile defense rushed to use the study to bolster their arguments. For reasons I will discuss, portions of the CBO report are seriously flawed, and opponents' cost arguments are fallacious. Today, I intend to set the record straight, and to demonstrate that we can afford missile defense.

The first problem with the CBO report is that it was prepared at the request of national missile defense skeptics various Senators who carefully defined the options they wanted analyzed in their letter to the CBO. As a result,

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